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Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

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Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Dent's Levels is located on the west side of Bumpy Oak Road near the junction of Bumpy Oak and Livingston Roads. Dent's Levels is a two-story with one-story side wings frame house with German siding (a 1902 replacement of the original weatherboard siding). The center five-bay, two-story section features six-over-six-sash windows with apparently original shutters on the upper story, a three light transom above a replacement glass front door, asphalt shingle roof, and modem porch. This section was built in two stages. The southern part of the two-story house, salt box in form, is reported to be the oldest part of the house. An exterior end double shoulder chimney is located between this section and the circa 1850 one-story addition. Although no age for this section has been determined it is possible that it was built by Walter Hannon circa 1824 or perhaps circa 1783 by John Dent (Rivoire 1980). According to a former resident, Mrs. Louise Highby, the northern section of the two-story house was built circa 1820. The southern one-story addition was built circa 1850 by Dr. Compton (Louise Highby's great-grandfather) as a doctors office. This section has German siding, six-over-six-sash windows, brick pier foundation, and an extremely narrow doorway. The northern one-story addition was built circa 1870 by Dr. Compton and has German siding, six-over-six-sash windows, and brick foundation. Although denied entry inside the house, a floor plan was drawn with the aid of Louise Highby.

There was originally a two-story kitchen to the rear of the original section of the house. Extant outbuildings include a frame vegtable/fruit house with a louvered cupola and recent rear addition, two small frame sheds, one with asbestos siding, and two modern garage/sheds.

According to a daughter of a former owner, Louise Highby, she is a descendant of George and John Dent, sons of William Dent who received the land as part of a land grant from the king of England. The land was in some branch of the Dent family from that period until it was sold by Louise Highby's father. Also according to Mrs. Highby, Union troops occupied the house during the Civil War and was used as a pay station by the Union. Additional family history is available in the original inventory form written by J. Richard Rivoire.

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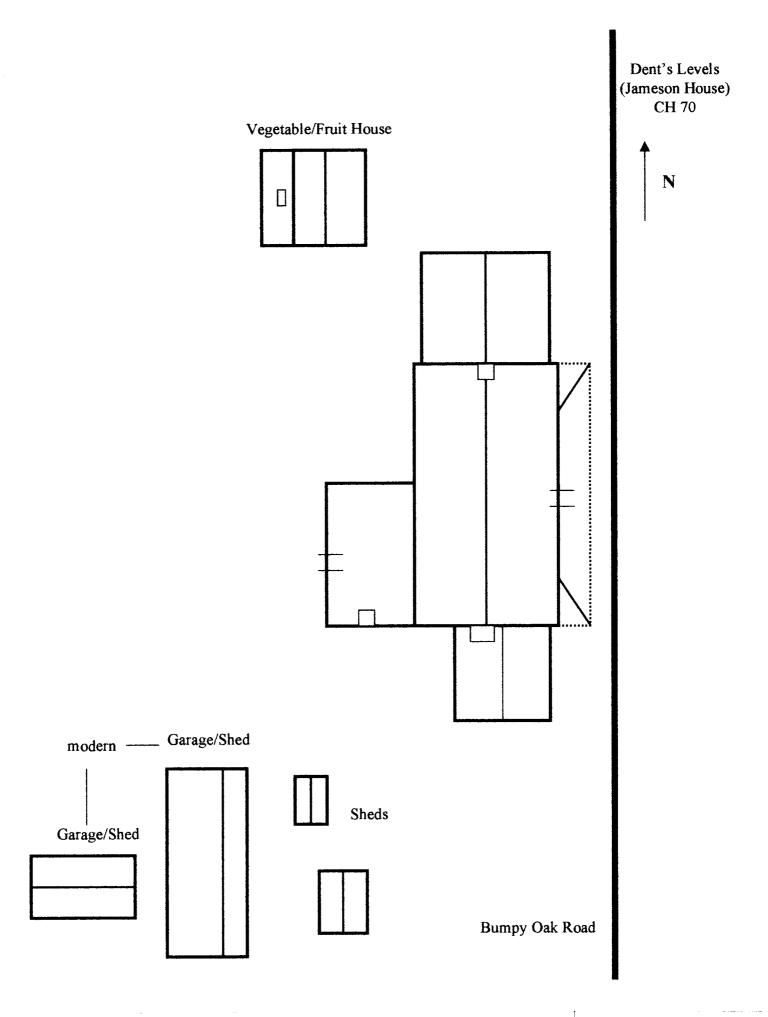
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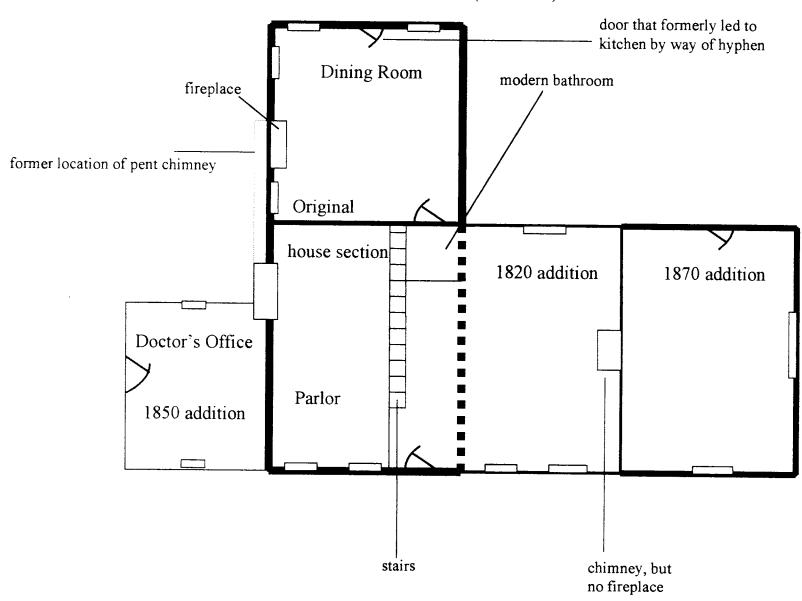
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Dent's Levels
(Jameson House)
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First Floor Plan (not to scale)



INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

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See Attached

#7: Description:

The Jameson House (Dent's Levels) is situated on the west side of Bumpy Oak Road, less than one-quarter mile south of the junction of Bumpy Oak Road and Livingston Road.

Surrounded by a number of large shade trees, the Jameson House is an attractive, two-story, frame farmhouse of a three-part composition consisting of a two-story, five-bay center section with one story, one bay flanking wings. The principal facade faces east and has a centered door flanked by four windows of six-over-six pane sash with louvered shutters, all of which is sheltered by a one story, shed roofed porch. At the second floor level are five windows, also of six-over-six sash and with louvered shutters, each window aligned with the opening below. From the south the main block is of a "salt box" profile, with the elongated rear slope of the roof extending about two-thirds of the length of the house from the south end. A two-story, brick, exterior chimney, now painted white, stands at the south end of the main block while at the opposite end there is a smaller "stove flue" chimney projecting from the roof ridge.

According to a previous owner of the house whose family owned the property since about 1860 (Mrs. Louise Highby, Bryan's Road, Md.), the south end section of the house, including the present center hall and two south-end rooms, is the oldest part of the house, and that the existing south chimney is one of two exterior chimneys that once stood here. According to this same source the main block was extended at the north end and the one story wings added in the 1860's and 1870's. A two-story, semi-detached kitchen with a large exterior chimney was torn down about 30 years ago. The remaining outbuildings, including a small barn and two gable-roofed sheds with louvered cupolas, appear to be of late-nineteenth century date.



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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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#8: Statement of Significance:

An attractive frame farmhouse consisting of a two-story, five-bay center block with one story, one bay flanking wings, situated amidst grounds shaded by gnarled oaks, the exterior appearance of the Jameson House is that of a comfortable rural farmhouse of the midnineteenth century. However, although substantially enlarged and renovated in the 1860-1880 period by Dr. Ruel Keith Compton, the house is actually older than its overall exterior plan and detail suggest. At least two-thirds of the house, including the present center hall and two south end rooms, predate the mid-nineteenth century renovations and in whole or part may have origins dating as early as the late-eighteenth century.

The Jameson House is located on part of a tract of land identified as Dent's Levels, 480 acres patented by Captain George Dent (1690-1754) in 1725. Dent, who was High Sheriff of Charles County and a member of the Maryland General Assembly (1720, 1724-1726), and Chief Justice of the Provincial Court (1754), willed a major portion of Dent's Levels to his son, John Dent. Born in 1733, John Dent, who in 1753 married Sarah Marshall, daughter of Thomas Hanson Marshall of nearby Marshall Hall, was elected Brigadier General by the Maryland Convention in 1775. In 1783 he was assessed for 280 acres of Dent's Levels, improved by "one dwelling house and kitchen, unfinished." The same tax assessment lists the remaining 200 acres of the Dent's Levels patent, improved by a log dwelling house, as owned by William Mason.

In 1816, John Dent, son of General John Dent, sold a 225 acre tract of land that included a portion of Dent's Levels to Sarah M. Briscoe, administrix of the estate of Dr. Edward Briscoe. In 1824 George Mason sold to Walter W. Hannon 30 acres identified as part of Dent's Levels. Hannon sold the same 30 acres to his son, Henry Hannon, in 1832. In 1846 the 30 acres passed in ownership to Walter Hannon, Jr.6

In 1847 Dr. Edward Miles, a prosperous physician and land speculator, sold to George Downs 42 acres, including a part of Dent's Levels Miles had purchased from the Hannons and Briscoes. A deed recorded in 1875 between John Mitchell, administrator of the estate of Charles F. Dement, and Mrs. Pachael J. Compton, wife of Dr. Ruel Keith Compton, states that Charles Dement sold Mrs. Compton 40 acres of Dent's Levels but had died before the conveyance had been recorded. This was the same land Dement had purchased in 1854 at a trustee's sale of the real estate of George W. Downs and which had been sold to Downs in 1847 by Dr. Miles. Excluded from the 1854 transfer, however, was about 2 acres on which stood a house and store known as "Bumpy Oak". (According to an 1866 deed associated with an adjacent property, the Bumpy Oak store house burned to the ground in 1865.9)

JAMESON HOUSE
(Dent's Levels)
#8: Statement of Significance
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In 1903 Dr. Ruel Keith Compton, a prominent physician living in Baltimore at the time, and executor of the estate of his wife, Rachael Compton (d. 1900), sold to Jennie H. Warren the 40 acres of Dent's Levels John Mitchell had sold to Rachael Compton in 1875. In 1929 Sarah Jameson and Edward, John and Elinor Warren, children and heirs of Jennie and John Warren, sold the 40 acres of Dent's Levels "upon which...Rachael J. Compton resided at the time of her death...and on which Jennie Warren and John Warren more recently resided" to Rachael Hurlburt. Ten years later Hurlburt sold the same land to Charles Smith. 12 In 1947 the 40 acres were conveyed by Smith to Louise Jameson Highby and Elinor and William Penn Jameson. 13

Although no conclusions have been arrived at concerning the age of the oldest part of the existing house, it is possible that it was built by Walter Hannon soon after his purchase of the 30 acres of Dent's Levels from George Mason in 1824. However, a small Dent family cemetery located directly across the road suggests that it may have been the "unfinished" dwelling house and kitchen belonging to John Dent in 1783 and thus part of the lands sold by Dent to Sarah M. Briscoe in 1816.

Footnotes:

- 1. Newman, Harry Wright. <u>Charles County Gentry</u>. (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Company; 1971.) P. 17.
- 2. Ibid.
- 3. Ibid. p.23,24
- 4. Hall of Records, Annapolis, Maryland. 1783 Tax Assessments, Charles County, District 6, General.
- 5. Land Records, Charles County Courthouse, La Plata, Maryland. Liber 19M#2, folio 230.
- 6. Ibid. Liber IB#15, folio 456; Liber IB#22, folio 493; Liber WM#2, folio 153.
- 7. Ibid. Liber WM#2, folio 270
- 8. Ibid. Liber BCS#1, folio 68
- 9. Ibid. Liber CAH#1, folio 83
- 10. Ibid. Liber BCS#14, folio 469
- 11. Ibid. Liber WMA#50, folio 174
- 12. Ibid. Liber WMA#71, folio 195
- 13. Ibid. Liber PCM#85, folio 453



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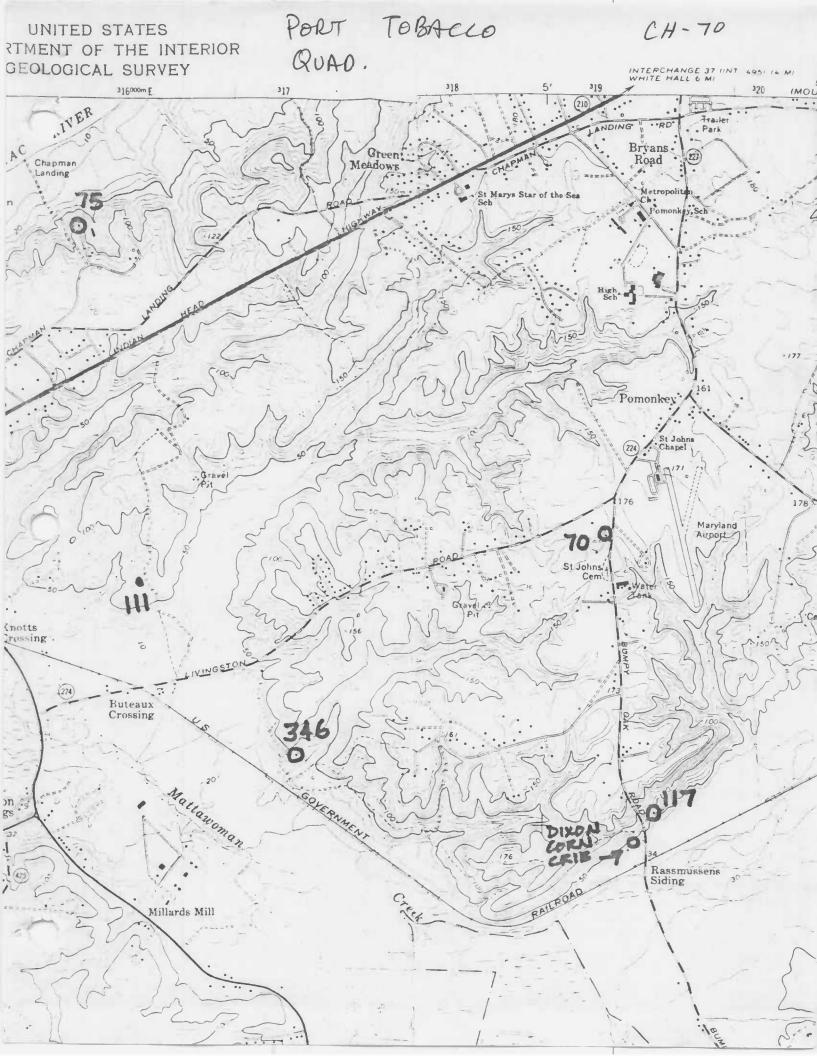
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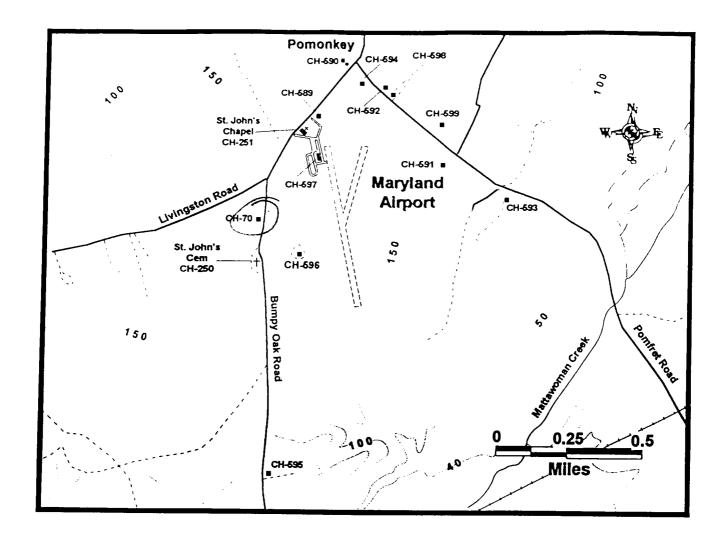
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